

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 5822, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2011.

House Committees ordered reported 35 sundry measures.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6345–S6458

Measures Introduced: Five bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3660–3664, S. Res. 596–600, and S. Con. Res. 69. **Page S6397**

Measures Reported:

S. 3267, to improve the provision of assistance to fire departments, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 111–235)

S. 3516, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to reform the management of energy and mineral resources on the Outer Continental Shelf, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 111–236)

H.R. 5278, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 405 West Second Street in Dixon, Illinois, as the “President Ronald W. Reagan Post Office Building”.

H.R. 5395, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 151 North Maitland Avenue in Maitland, Florida, as the “Paula Hawkins Post Office Building”.

S. 3567, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Broadway in Lynbrook, New York, as the “Navy Corpsman Jeffrey L. Wiener Post Office Building”. **Page S6397**

Measures Passed:

National Child Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 598, designating September 2010 as “National Child Awareness Month” to promote awareness of charities benefitting children and youth-serving organizations throughout the United States and recognizing efforts made by these charities and organizations on behalf of children and youth as critical contributions to the future of the Nation. **Page S6456**

National Airborne Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 599, designating August 16, 2010, as “National Airborne Day”. **Pages S6456–57**

Authorizing Document Production and Testimony: Senate agreed to S. Res. 600, to authorize document production and testimony by, and representation of, the Select Committee on Intelligence. **Page S6457**

Measures Considered:

Small Business Lending Fund Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 5297, to create the Small Business Lending Fund Program to direct the Secretary of the Treasury to make capital investments in eligible institutions in order to increase the availability of credit for small businesses, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for small business job creation, taking action on the following amendments and motion proposed thereto: **Pages S6351–86**

Pending:

Reid (for Baucus/Landrieu) Amendment No. 4519, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6351**

Reid Amendment No. 4520 (to Amendment No. 4519), to change the enactment date. **Page S6351**

Reid Amendment No. 4521 (to Amendment No. 4520), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6351**

Reid Amendment No. 4522 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 4519), to change the enactment date. **Page S6351**

Reid Amendment No. 4523 (to Amendment No. 4522), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6351**

Reid motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 4524 (the instructions on the motion to commit), to provide for a study. **Page S6351**

Reid Amendment No. 4525 (to the instructions (Amendment No. 4524) of the motion to commit), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6351**

Reid Amendment No. 4526 (to Amendment No. 4525), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6351**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, July 29, 2010, with one hour for debate prior to the cloture vote, with the time equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees; and with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each, with the final 10 minutes reserved for the two Leaders, or their designees, with the Majority Leader controlling the final 5 minutes; provided further, that the filing deadline for second-degree amendments be 10 a.m., on Thursday, July 29, 2010.

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House Messages:

Cell Phone Contraband Act: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 1749, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the possession or use of cell phones and similar wireless devices by Federal prisoners.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Maria Elizabeth Raffinan, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Marina Garcia Marmolejo, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas.

M. Scott Bowen, of Michigan, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Michigan for the term of four years.

Ripley Rand, of North Carolina, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of North Carolina for the term of four years.

Beverly Joyce Harvard, of Georgia, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Georgia for the term of four years.

David Mark Singer, of California, to be United States Marshal for the Central District of California for the term of four years.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:02 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 29, 2010. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6458.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Airland: Senators Lieberman (Chair), Bayh, Webb, McCaskill, Hagan, Begich, Burris, Kaufman, Thune, Inhofe, Sessions, Chambliss, Brown (MA), and Burr.

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities: Senators Nelson (FL) (Chair), Reed, Nelson (NE), Bayh, Udall (CO), Bingaman, Kaufman, Goodwin, LeMieux, Graham, Wicker, Brown (MA), Burr, and Collins.

Subcommittee on Personnel: Senators Webb (Chair), Lieberman, Akaka, Nelson (NE), McCaskill, Hagan, Begich, Burris, Bingaman, Graham, Chambliss, Thune, Wicker, LeMieux, Vitter, and Collins.

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support: Senators Bayh (Chair), Akaka, McCaskill, Udall (CO), Burris, Goodwin, Burr, Inhofe, Chambliss, and Thune.

Subcommittee on Seapower: Senators Reed (Chair), Lieberman, Akaka, Nelson (FL), Webb, Hagan, Kaufman, Wicker, Sessions, LeMieux, Vitter, and Collins.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces: Senators Nelson (NE) (Chair), Reed, Nelson (FL), Udall (CO), Begich, Bingaman, Goodwin, Vitter, Sessions, Inhofe, Graham, and Brown (MA).

Senators Levin and McCain are ex-officio members of the subcommittees.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Janet L. Yellen, of California, to be Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Peter A. Diamond, of Massachusetts, Sarah Bloom Raskin, of Maryland, all to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Osvaldo Luis Gratacós Munet, of Puerto Rico, to be Inspector General, Export-Import

Bank, and Steve A. Linick, of Virginia, to be Inspector General of the Federal Housing Finance Agency.

PROTECTING AMERICA'S WATER TREATMENT FACILITIES

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine protecting America's water treatment facilities, after receiving testimony from Cynthia C. Dougherty, Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water, Office of Water, Environmental Protection Agency; Benjamin H. Grumbles, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, Phoenix; Paul Orum, Blue Green Chemical Security Coalition, and Darius D. Sivin, International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace & Agricultural Implement Workers of America (UAW), both of Washington, D.C.; and Carlos Perea, MIOX Corporation, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Terence Patrick McCulley, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Michele Thoren Bond, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Lesotho, and Robert Porter Jackson, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cameroon, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

H.R. 2868, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to enhance security and protect against acts of terrorism against chemical facilities, to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to enhance the security of public water systems, and to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to enhance the security of wastewater treatment works, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3335, to require Congress to establish a unified and searchable database on a public Web site for congressional earmarks as called for by the President in his 2010 State of the Union Address to Congress, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2991, to amend title 31, United States Code, to enhance the oversight authorities of the Comptroller General, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3243, to require U.S. Customs and Border Protection to administer polygraph examinations to all applicants for law enforcement positions with U.S. Customs and Border Protection, to require U.S. Customs

and Border Protection to complete all periodic background reinvestigations of certain law enforcement personnel, with an amendment;

S. 2902, to improve the Federal Acquisition Institute, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 3980, to provide for identifying and eliminating redundant reporting requirements and developing meaningful performance metrics for homeland security preparedness grants, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 1517, to allow certain U.S. Customs and Border Protection employees who serve under an overseas limited appointment for at least 2 years, and whose service is rated fully successful or higher throughout that time, to be converted to a permanent appointment in the competitive service, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3650, to amend chapter 21 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that fathers of certain permanently disabled or deceased veterans shall be included with mothers of such veterans as preference eligibles for treatment in the civil service;

S. 3567, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Broadway in Lynbrook, New York, as the "Navy Corpsman Jeffrey L. Wiener Post Office Building";

H.R. 5278, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 405 West Second Street in Dixon, Illinois, as the "President Ronald W. Reagan Post Office Building"; and

H.R. 5395, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 151 North Maitland Avenue in Maitland, Florida, as the "Paula Hawkins Post Office Building".

FLOOD PREPAREDNESS AND MITIGATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery and the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on State, Local, and Private Sector Preparedness and Integration concluded a hearing to examine flood preparedness and mitigation, focusing on map modernization, levee inspection, and levee repairs, after receiving testimony from Jo-Ellen Darcy, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense; Sandra K. Knight, Deputy Administrator, Mitigation at the Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security; Montana House Representative Robert Melhoff, Great Falls; David Maidment, University of Texas at Austin Center for Research in Water Resources; Sam Riley Medlock, Association of State Floodplain Managers, Madison, Wisconsin; Robert G. Rash, St. Francis Levee District of Arkansas, West Memphis;

and Joseph N. Suhayda, Louisiana State University Hurricane Center, Baton Rouge.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation, after receiving testimony from Robert S. Mueller III, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Kathleen M. O'Malley, of Ohio, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit, who was introduced by Senator Brown (OH), Beryl Alaine Howell, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, who was introduced by Senator Leahy and Representative Norton, and Rob-

ert Leon Wilkins, of the District of Columbia, to be a United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, who was introduced by Representative Norton, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

FILIBUSTER

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the filibuster, focusing on legislative proposals to change Senate procedures, including S. Res. 465, to permit the Senate to avoid unnecessary delay and vote on matters for which floor debate has ceased, and S. Res. 440, improving the Senate cloture process, after receiving testimony from Senators Lautenberg and Bennet; Elizabeth Rybicki, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Gregory Koger, University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida; and Barbara Sinclair, University of California, Los Angeles.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 27 public bills, H.R. 5890–5916; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 306; and H. Res. 1565–1567, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H6283–84

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4692, to require the President to prepare a quadrennial National Manufacturing Strategy, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–574, Pt. 1);

H.R. 3534, to provide greater efficiencies, transparency, returns, and accountability in the administration of Federal mineral and energy resources by consolidating administration of various Federal energy minerals management and leasing programs into one entity to be known as the Office of Federal Energy and Minerals Leasing of the Department of the Interior, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–575, Pt. 1);

H.R. 5781, to authorize the programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–576);

H. Res. 1568, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5893) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to create jobs through increased investment in infrastructure and to eliminate loopholes which encourage companies to move operations offshore (H. Rept. 111–577); and

H. Res. 1569, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5850) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011 (H. Rept. 111–578).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Pastor to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Pastor Shawn Black, Calvary Chapel, Costa Mesa, California.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

National Manufacturing Strategy Act of 2010: H.R. 4692, amended, to require the President to prepare a quadrennial National Manufacturing Strategy, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 379 yeas to 38 nays, Roll No. 477;

Pages H6169–79, H6214–15

Clean Energy Technology Manufacturing and Export Assistance Act of 2010: H.R. 5156, amended, to provide for the establishment of a Clean Energy Technology Manufacturing and Export Assistance Fund to assist United States businesses with exporting clean energy technology products and services;

Pages H6179–83

End the Trade Deficit Act: H.R. 1875, amended, to establish an Emergency Commission to End the Trade Deficit;
Pages H6183–89

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To establish the Emergency Trade Deficit Commission.”.
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Supporting the goals and ideals of “National Save for Retirement Week”: H. Res. 1481, to support the goals and ideals of “National Save for Retirement Week”, including raising public awareness of the various tax-preferred retirement vehicles and increasing personal financial literacy;
Pages H6189–90

Residential Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention Act: H.R. 1796, amended, to amend the Consumer Product Safety Act to require residential carbon monoxide detectors to meet the applicable ANSI/UL standard by treating that standard as a consumer product safety rule and to encourage States to require the installation of such detectors in homes;
Pages H6190–92

Honoring the achievements of Dr. Robert M. Campbell, Jr., to provide children with lifesaving medical care: H. Res. 1499, amended, to honor the achievements of Dr. Robert M. Campbell, Jr., to provide children with lifesaving medical care;
Pages H9192–94

Truth in Fur Labeling Act: H.R. 2480, amended, to improve the accuracy of fur product labeling;
Pages H6194–96

Fair Sentencing Act of 2010: S. 1789, to restore fairness to Federal cocaine sentencing;
Pages H6196–H6204

Fee on Lobbyists Act: H.R. 5751, amended, to amend the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 to require registrants to pay an annual fee of \$50, to impose a penalty of \$500 for failure to file timely reports required by that Act, and to provide for the use of the funds from such fees and penalties for reviewing and auditing filings by registrants;
Pages H6204–06

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To provide for the establishment of a task force that will be responsible for investigating cases referred to the Attorney General under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995, and for other purposes.”.
Page H6206

General and Special Risk Insurance Funds Availability Act of 2010: H.R. 5872, amended, to provide adequate commitment authority for fiscal year 2010 for guaranteed loans that are obligations of the General and Special Risk Insurance Funds of the Department of Housing and Urban Development;
Pages H6249–51

United States Patent and Trademark Office Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2010: H.R. 5874, making supplemental appropriations for the United States Patent and Trademark Office for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010;
Pages H6251–53

Emergency Border Security Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2010: H.R. 5875, making emergency supplemental appropriations for border security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010;
Pages H6253–57

Independent Living Centers Technical Adjustment Act: Concurred in the Senate amendment to H.R. 5610, to provide a technical adjustment with respect to funding for independent living centers under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 in order to ensure stability for such centers;
Pages H6257–58

Benton MacKaye Cherokee National Forest Land Consolidation Act: H.R. 4658, amended, to authorize the conveyance of a small parcel of National Forest System land in the Cherokee National Forest and to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to use the proceeds from that conveyance to acquire a parcel of land for inclusion in that national forest; and
Pages H6259–60

Directing the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain Federally owned land located in Story County, Iowa: H.R. 5669, amended, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain Federally owned land located in Story County, Iowa.
Pages H6260–61

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure which was debated on Monday, July 26th:

Honoring the educational significance of Dr. Jane Goodall's work: H. Res. 1543, to honor the educational significance of Dr. Jane Goodall's work on this the 50th anniversary of the beginning of her work in Tanzania, Africa, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 416 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 478.
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Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Tuesday, July 27th:

Protecting Gun Owners in Bankruptcy Act of 2010: H.R. 5827, amended, to amend title 11 of the United States Code to include firearms in the types of property allowable under the alternative provision for exempting property from the estate, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 307 yeas to 113 nays, Roll No. 479.
Pages H6215–16

Military Construction and Veterans' Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2011: The House passed H.R. 5822, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011, by a yea-and-nay vote of 411 yeas to 6 nays, Roll No. 482. **Pages H6216–49**

Agreed to:

Holt amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 111–570) that instructs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to set aside at least \$20 million for suicide outreach prevention via direct advertising and the use of online social media; **Pages H6235–36**

Buyer amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 111–570) that provides \$10 million to fund additional professional level VA Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment counselors; **Page H6236**

Buyer amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 111–570), as modified, that provides \$162,734,000 of the amounts appropriated for Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Minor Construction for renewable energy projects at VA medical facility campuses; **Pages H6236–37**

Buyer amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 111–570) that provides \$10 million to fund the second year of the VA–US Paralympics Adaptive Sports Program for disabled veterans; **Pages H6237–38**

Cuellar amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 111–570) that prohibits first class travel under this Act; **Page H6238**

Hill amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 111–570) that decreases the Veteran's Administration General Operating Expense account by \$100,000, then increases it by \$100,000, for the purpose of directing the VA to examine its practices in how it accounts for returned Post-9/11 GI Benefit payments from either a veteran or an institute of higher learning, and for the purpose of directing the VA to issue a report to Congress no later than January 1, 2011, on any changes made or planned to be made to increase efficiency and timeliness of accounting for returned payments; **Page H6241**

Gingrey amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 111–570) that prohibits funds under the Act from being used to exercise the power of eminent domain without payment of just compensation; **Pages H6241–42**

Halvorson amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 111–570) that subtracts \$10,000,000 from General Operating Expenses and adds \$10,000,000 to Major Construction Projects; **Page H6243**

Peters amendment (No. 12 printed in H. Rept. 111–570) that decreases the Veteran's Administration General Operating Expense account by \$50,000, then increases it by \$50,000, for the purpose of directing the VA to implement a program that would

re-label prescription drugs used in VA hospitals to be sent home with discharged patients for outpatient use. Currently, veterans often have to go right to the pharmacy to refill what was discarded; **Page H6245**

Peters amendment (No. 13 printed in H. Rept. 111–570) that decreases the Veteran's Administration General Operating Expense account by \$150,000, then increases it by \$150,000, for the purpose of directing the VA to create a program to review all contracts after every 90-day period of inactivity to determine if the funds obligated for the contract could be deobligated and returned to the account from which the funds were obligated to be put to better use; and **Page H6245**

Gingrey amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 111–570) that prohibits any funds appropriated or otherwise made available to the Department of Defense under this Act to be used to renovate or construct any facility within the Continental United States for the purpose of housing any individual who has been detained, at any time after September 11, 2001, at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (by a recorded vote of 353 yeas to 69 noes, Roll No. 480). **Pages H6242–43, H6247–48**

Rejected:

Garrett amendment (No. 14 printed in H. Rept. 111–570) that sought to increase funding for the Grants for Construction of State Veterans Cemeteries account by \$7,000,000 and decrease funding for the Grants for Construction, Minor Projects account by \$7,000,000 (by a recorded vote of 128 yeas to 296 noes, Roll No. 481). **Pages H6245–47, H6248**

Withdrawn:

Flake amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 111–570) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have prohibited funding for all of the member-requested earmarks for military construction projects; and **Pages H6238–41**

Bilirakis amendment (No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 111–570) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have required the Veterans Administration to acquire and construct up to four long-term care residential brain injury medical facilities. **Pages H6243–45**

H. Res. 1559, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 243 yeas to 178 nays, Roll No. 476, after the previous question was ordered without objection. **Pages H6206–14**

A point of order was raised against the consideration of H. Res. 1559 and it was agreed to proceed with consideration of the resolution by voice vote. **Pages H6206–08**

Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that fruit and vegetable and commodity producers are encouraged to display the American flag on labels of products grown in the United States: H. Res. 1558, to express the sense of the House of Representatives that fruit and vegetable and commodity producers are encouraged to display the American flag on labels of products grown in the United States, reminding us all to take pride in the healthy bounty produced by American farmers and workers.

Pages H6258–59

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H6165.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6213–14, H6214–15, H6215, H6215–16, H6247–48, H6248, and H6248–49. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:56 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Agriculture: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 5509, amended, Chesapeake Bay Program Reauthorization and Improvement Act; H.R. 3519, amended, Veterinarian Services Investment Act; and H.R. 5852, Mandatory Price Reporting Act of 2010.

SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM QUALITY CONTROL

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Department of Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry held a hearing to review quality control systems in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Julie Paradis, Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service; Phyllis K. Fong, Inspector General; Kay E. Brown, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held an oversight hearing on U.S. Civilian Assistance for Afghanistan. Testimony was heard from the Department of State: Richard Holbrooke, Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan; and Rajiv Shah, Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development.

ENLISTED PROFESSIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Transformation in Progress: The Services' Enlisted Professional Military Education Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: COL James J. Minick, USMC, Director, Enlisted PME, Marine Corps University, USMC; John Sparks, Director, Institute for NCO Professional Development, Training and Doctrine Command, U.S. Army; Scott Lutterloh, Director, Total Force Requirements Division, U.S. Navy; and Dan Sitterly, Director, Force Development, Deputy Chief of Staff, Manpower and Personnel, U.S. Air Force.

SURFACE FLEET READINESS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and the Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces held a joint hearing on surface fleet readiness. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy: ADM John Harvey, USN, Commander, Fleet Forces Command; VADM Kevin McCoy, USN, Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command; and VADM William Burke, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Fleet Readiness and Logistics (N4).

HARNESSING SMALL BUSINESS FOR NATIONAL SECURITY CYBER NEEDS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities held a hearing on harnessing small business innovation for national security cyber needs. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 903, amended, Dental Emergency Responder Act; H.R. 1745, amended, Family Health Care Accessibility Act; H.R. 3199, amended, Emergency Medic Transition (EMT) Act; H.R. 5710, amended, National All Schedules Prescription Electronic Reporting Reauthorization Act of 2010; H.R. 5756, amended, Training and Research for Autism Improvements Nationwide Act of 2010; H.R. 5809, amended, Safe Drug Disposal Act of 2010; H.R. 2923, Combat Methamphetamine Enhancement Act of 2009; and H.R. 3470, amended, Nationally Enhancing the Well-being of Babies through Outreach and Research Now Act.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 3421, Medical Debt Relief Act of 2009; and H.R. 5823, United

States Covered Bond Act of 2010; and H.R. 476, House Fairness Act of 2009.

TURKEY'S NEW FOREIGN POLICY DIRECTION

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held a hearing on Turkey's New Foreign Policy Direction: Implications for U.S.-Turkish Relations. Testimony was heard from Ross Wilson, former U.S. Ambassador to Turkey and Azerbaijan; and a public witness.

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION SECURITY INSPECTORS MANAGEMENT

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection held a hearing entitled "Lost in the Shuffle: Examining TSA's Management of Surface Transportation Security Inspectors." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Lee R. Kair, Assistant Administrator, Security Operations, Transportation Security Administration; and Carlton I. Mann, Assistant Inspector General; and public witnesses.

ONLINE PRIVACY/SOCIAL NETWORKING/ CRIME VICTIMIZATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security held a hearing on Online Privacy, Social Networking, and Crime Victimization. Testimony was heard from Gordon M. Snow, Assistant Director, FBI, Department of Justice; Michael P. Merritt, Assistant Director, U.S. Secret Service, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 5023, Requirements, Expectations, and Standard Procedures for Executive Consultation with Tribes Act; H.R. 4384, To establish the Utah Navajo Trust Fund Commission; and H.R. 5468, Bridgeport Indian Colony Land Trust, Health, and Economic Development Act of 2010. Testimony was heard from Representatives Matheson and McKeon; Paul Tsosie, Chief of Staff, Office of the Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Ordered reported the following: H.R. 5815, as amended, Inspector General Authority Improvement Act of 2010; H.R. 2853, amended, All-American Flag Act; H.R. 5637, amended, American Jobs Matter Act of 2010; S. 2868, amended; Federal Supply Schedules Usage Act of 2009; and H.R. 5366, Overseas Contractor Reform Act.

The following measures were ordered favorably reported by unanimous consent; H. Res. 1428, Recognizing Brooklyn Botanic Garden on its 100th anniversary as the preeminent horticultural attraction in the borough of Brooklyn and its longstanding commitment to environmental stewardship and education for the City of New York; H. Res. 1546, Congratulating the Washington Stealth for winning the National Lacrosse League Championship; H.R. 5605, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 47 East Fayette Street in Uniontown, Pennsylvania, as the "George C. Marshall Post Office"; H.R. 5606, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 47 South 7th Street in Indiana, Pennsylvania, as the "Jimmy M. 'Jimmy' Stewart Post Office Building"; H.R. 5655, To designate the Little River Branch facility of the United States Postal Service located at 240 NE 84th Street in Miami, Florida, as the "Jesse J. McCrary, Jr. Post Office"; H.R. 5758, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2 Government Center in Fall River, Massachusetts, as the "Sergeant Robert Barrett Post Office Building"; H. Res. 1479, Supporting the United States Paralympics, honoring the Paralympic athletes; H. Res. 1527, Congratulating the United States Men's Soccer Team for its inspiring performance in the 2010 FIFA World Cup; and H.R. 5873, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 218 North Milwaukee Street in Waterford, Wisconsin, as the "Captain Rhett W. Schiller Post Office."

USDA BIOTECH POLICY

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Domestic Policy held a hearing entitled "Are Superweeds an Outgrowth of USDA Biotech Policy?" Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NATIONAL SECURITY INTERAGENCY COLLABORATION

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs held a hearing entitled "National Security, Interagency Collaboration, and Lessons from SOUTHCOM and AFRICOM." Testimony was heard from John Pendleton, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management Team, GAO; James Schear, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Partnership Strategy and Stability Operations, Department of Defense; and the following officials of the Department of State: Thomas Countryman, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Political-Military Affairs; and Susan Reichle, Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator, Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance, U.S. Agency for International Development.

INVESTING IN AMERICAN JOBS AND CLOSING TAX LOOPHOLES ACT OF 2010

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a record vote of 6–3, a closed rule providing for consideration of H.R. 5893, the “Investing in American Jobs and Closing Tax Loopholes Act of 2010.” The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

Finally, the rule waives clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against any resolution reported from the Rules Committee through the calendar day of Sunday, August 1, 2010. Testimony was heard by Chairman Levin.

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2011

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a record vote of 7–3, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 5850, the “Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2011.” The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read through page 171, line 17. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI.

The rule makes in order the following amendments: (1) the amendments printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules; and (2) not to exceed four of the amendments printed in part B of the report if offered by Representative Flake of Arizona or his designee. The rule provides that each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. All points of order against the amendments except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI are waived. The rule provides that for those amendments reported from the Committee of the Whole, the question of their adoption shall be put to the

House en gros and without division of the question. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The rule provides that after disposition of the amendments specified in the first section of the rule, the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their designees each may offer one pro forma amendment to the bill for the purpose of debate, which shall be controlled by the proponent. The rule provides that the Chair may entertain a motion that the Committee rise only if offered by the chair of the Committee on Appropriations or his designee. Finally, the rule provides that the Chair may not entertain a motion to strike out the enacting words of the bill. Testimony was heard by Representatives Olver, Cardoza, Peters, Latham, Culberson, Sessions, Turner, Jordan, Roe (TN), and Thompson (PA).

NUCLEAR ENERGY RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 5866, Nuclear Energy Research and Development Act of 2010.

SBA OVERSIGHT

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Small Business Administration and Its Programs.” Testimony was heard from Karen Mills, Administrator, SBA; and Gregory Kutz, Managing Director, Forensics Audits and Special Investigations, GAO.

VA COST CONTROLS

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Continued oversight hearings of Inadequate Cost Control at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from Susan Ragland, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, GAO; Edward Murray, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Finance, Department of Veterans Affairs.

BRIEFING—DIVERSITY PRACTICES

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Diversity Practices. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

BRIEFING—SOMALIA

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis, and Counterintelligence met in executive session to receive a briefing on Somalia. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 29, 2010

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Business meeting to mark up proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, and Financial Services and General Government, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on Armed Services: To hold hearings to examine the new START, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Full Committee, to receive a briefing on Department of Defense strategic force structure options under the New START, 3 p.m., SVC-217.

Committee on Finance: To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Michael C. Camuñez, of California, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce, and Charles P. Blahous III, of Maryland, and Robert D. Reischauer, of Maryland, both to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund, a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund, and a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Business meeting to consider the nominations of Subra Suresh, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the National Science Foundation, and Mary Minow, of California, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Subcommittee on Children and Families, to hold hearings to examine the state of the American child, focusing on the impact of Federal policies on children, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight, to hold hearings to examine mismanagement of contracts at Arlington National Cemetery, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine closing the language gap, focusing on improving the Federal government's foreign language capabilities, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: To hold an oversight hearing to examine Indian gaming, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: Business meeting to consider S. 3397, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to provide for take-back disposal of controlled substances in certain instances, S. 2925, to establish a grant program to benefit victims of sex trafficking, S. 518, to establish the Star-Spangled Banner and War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission, and the nominations of Mary Helen

Murguia, of Arizona, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Edmond E-Min Chang, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, Leslie E. Kobayashi, to be United States District Judge for the District of Hawaii, Denise Jefferson Casper, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts, Carlton W. Reeves, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi, and John F. Walsh, to be United States Attorney for the District of Colorado, John William Vaudreuil, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, William J. Ihlenfeld II, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of West Virginia, Mark Lloyd Ericks, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Washington, Joseph Patrick Faughnan, Sr., to be United States Marshal for the District of Connecticut, Harold Michael Oglesby, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Arkansas, and Conrad Ernest Candelaria, to be United States Marshal for the District of New Mexico, all of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine the passport issuance process, focusing on closing the door to fraud, part II, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: Closed business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 2 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government to mark up the FY 2011 Financial Services and General Government Appropriations bill, 4 p.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on the Final Report of the Independent Panel's Assessment of the Quadrennial Defense Review, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection, hearing on H.R. 5820, Toxic Chemicals Safety Act of 2010, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 4790, Shareholder Protection Act of 2010; and H.R. 2267, Internet Gambling Regulation, Consumer Protection, and Enforcement Act; followed by a hearing entitled "Alternatives for Promoting Liquidity in the Commercial Real Estate Markets, Supporting Businesses and Increasing Job Growth," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored enterprises, hearing entitled "Future of Housing Finance: The Role of Private Mortgage Insurance," 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, hearing on The Crisis in Haiti: Are We Moving Fast Enough? 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on House Administration, Subcommittee on Capitol Security, hearing on U.S Capitol Police Budget Concerns, 11 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties, hearing on the American Dream Part III: Advancing and Improving the

Fair Housing at the 5-year Anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, oversight hearing entitled “Building Success: Implementation of the Secure Rural Schools Program,” 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, oversight hearing entitled “Investment in Small Hydropower: Prospects of Expanding Low-Impact and Affordable Hydropower Generation in the West,” 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, hearing entitled “Implementations of Iran Sanctions,” 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census, and the National Archives, hearing entitled “Public Access to Federally-Funded Research,” 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to consider the following bills: H.R. 3534, Consolidated Land, Energy, and Aquatic Resources Act of 2009; and H.R. 5851, Offshore Oil and Gas Worker Whistleblower Protection Act of 2009, 4 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Small Business, hearing entitled “The Impact of Interchange Fees on Small Businesses,” 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, Adjudicatory Subcommittee, to meet in the Matter of Representative Charles B. Rangel, 1 p.m., 210-HVC.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to mark up the following: the Water Resources Development Act of 2010; the Economic Revitalization and Innovation Act of 2010; H.R. 5112, Federal Buildings Personnel Training Act of 2010; H.R. 5282, To provide funds to the Army Corps of Engineers to hire veterans and members of the Armed Forces to assist the Corps with curation and historic preservation activities; H.R. 305, Horse Trans-

portation Safety Act of 2009; H.R. 5717, Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute Enhancement Act; H.R. 1997, To direct the Secretary of Transportation to update a research report and issue guidance to the States with respect to reducing lighting on the Federal-aid system during periods of low traffic density; H.R. 4387, To designate the Federal building located at 100 North Palafox Street in Pensacola, Florida, as the “Winston E. Arnow Federal Building”; H.R. 5651, To designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 515 9th Street in Rapid City, South Dakota, as the “Andrew W. Bogue Federal Building and United States Courthouse”; H.R. 5706, To designate the facility of the Government Printing Office located at 31451 East United Avenue in Pueblo, Colorado, as the “Frank Evans Government Printing Office Building”; H.R. 5773, To designate the Federal building located at 6401 Security Boulevard in Baltimore, Maryland, as the “Robert M. Ball Federal Building”; H.R. 5591, To designate the facility of the Federal Aviation Administration located at Spokane International Airport in Spokane, Washington, as the “Ray Daves Air Traffic Control Tower”; H.R. 1473, Supporting backcountry airstrips and recreational aviation; and other pending business, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on Licensure and Certification, 1 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support, hearing to Review the Use of Child Welfare Waiver Demonstration Projects to Promote Child Well Being, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, meeting to consider non-committee requests for access to classified information, 10 a.m., and executive, briefing on DOD Quarterly Update 12:30 p.m., 304-HVC.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, July 29

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, July 29

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 5297, Small Business Lending Fund Act, and after a period of debate, vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Reid (for Baucus/Landrieu) Amendment No. 4519 at approximately 10:40 a.m., with a 10 a.m. filing deadline for all second-degree amendments.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H.R. 5850—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2011 (Subject to a Rule) and H.R. 5893—Investing in American Jobs and Closing Tax Loopholes Act of 2010 (Subject to a Rule).

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